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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Leslye Krutko

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

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Approved

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COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

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INFORMATION ONLY

**SUBJECT: COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE HOUSING REHABILITATION
PROGRAM AND REBUILDING TOGETHER SILICON VALLEY**

BACKGROUND

At the June 19, 2006, meeting of the Building Strong Neighborhoods (BSN) Committee, the Housing Department made a presentation on Neighborhood Housing Rehabilitation and Multi-Family Demonstration Projects (now known as "Project Alliance"). In the course of the Committee discussion following the presentation, the Department was asked to contact Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley (RTSV) to see what opportunities there might be for collaboration in meeting the community's home-repair needs.

ANALYSIS

RTSV (formerly "Christmas in April") uses volunteer labor for its major, semi-annual Home Rehab weekends in April and October as well as for assisting homeowners with small repair jobs year-round.

The Housing Department has been working with RTSV since 1997 by providing the organization with seven grants totaling \$231,900 from the Housing and Homeless Fund/Housing Trust Fund.

In response to the BSN Committee's interest in furthering the Department's collaborative efforts with RTSV, Housing Rehabilitation Program staff met with Ms. Beverly Jackson, Executive Director of RTSV, on June 28, 2006, to discuss opportunities for a more direct working arrangement.

Ms. Jackson and Housing Department staff agreed that it would not be appropriate for the two organizations to be simultaneously doing repair work on a home since it is difficult to coordinate the efforts of volunteer workers with the paid contractor's scheduling of his and his subcontractors' work. However, it was agreed that the following collaboration efforts would be pursued in the future:

- In cases where a Housing Rehabilitation Program client needs more repair work done than can be accommodated by per-client loan- or grant-amount limits, staff will eliminate from the rehab scope of work those repairs that RTSV is capable of handling, and refer the client to RTSV after the City-funded work is completed.
- RTSV will refer potential clients to the Housing Rehabilitation Program if the scope of necessary repairs exceeds that which can readily be accomplished by RTSV.
- Staff will refer to RTSV clients with minimal repair needs that can be accomplished with RTSV's volunteer workers.

With these collaborative efforts, the Housing Rehabilitation Program and Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley will best serve the home-repair needs of lower-income homeowners in San Jose.


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